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PETITION FO	R EXTENSION OF TIME	Docket No.:	ABB1207P1390US				
Serial No.:	09/470,944	Filing Date:	December 22, 1999				
Group Art Unit:	1637	Examiner:	Alexander H. Spiegler				
Applicant(s):	Gerald J. Gundling						
Invention:	Nucleic Acid Isolation Method and Kit						

Commissioner For Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of May 13, 2004 and the Notice of Appeal dated August 19, 2004 in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached Response timely.

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Small	Entity:		\$60.00		\$225.00		\$510.00		\$795.00		
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⊠	The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-0785. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.										

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